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Summary of Events

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Bulgaria has established a corporation in Ethiopia to engage in ocean transport, fishing, production of fishmeal, and meat packing. Ethiopian registry has been obtained for four Bulgarian cargo ships, and four refrigerated fishing vessels from Bulgaria are expected to be added later.

On 2 March, Afghanistan and the USSR signed a barter trade protocol for 1964. Afghan exports of about \$25 million again will exceed imports because of Afghanistan's debt-servicing obligations to the USSR. Afghan drawings under Soviet aid agreements will continue to be about \$40 million.

Bolivian-Soviet discussions have recently been held concerning the possibility of building a tin smelter in Bolivia. It is probable that the initiative for the discussion came from Bolivia. Little interest has been shown in this project by either Bolivia or the USSR since 1960, when Khrushchev made the initial offer at the UN.

A Mexican delegation is in the Far East, reportedly to promote Mexico's trade with the area. The actual purpose of the mission, however, is to make arrangements for a trade fair in Peiping and to establish a permanent trade commission in the Chinese capital.

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